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Application No.: 09/339,103

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 101614-08090

For: METHOD FOR THE UNCOUPLED, DIRECT, EXPONENTIAL AMPLIFICATION AND SEQUENCING OF DNA MOLECULES WITH THE ADDITION OF A SECOND THERMOSTABLE DNA POLYMERASE AND ITS APPLICATION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: October 21, 2003

Sir:

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for two months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 30, 2003 from August 20, 2003 to October 30, 2003.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, making reference to Attorney Docket No. 101614-08090.

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